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TO AMEMBASSY JIDDA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: KAGNEW FOUR

JIDDA 7399

1. EXPECT BE ABLE CABLE TEXTS OF FAMILIES' LETTERS
TO CAPTIVES (PARA 1, REFTTEL) NOVEMBER 6

2. WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD ACCEPT SIRAJ'S OFFER TO DELIVER
LETTERS AND PACKAGES TO BOWIDOWICZ AND STRICKLAND AS WELL
AS TO CAMPBELL AND HARRELL. WE HAVE HAD NO INDICATION
THUS FAR THAT DELIVERY TO BOWIDOWICZ AND STRICKLAND HAS
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BEEN ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH SUDANESE CHANNEL. UNLESS

EMBASSY KHARTOUM BELIEVES THERE IS REAL RISK THAT OUR EFFORTS THROUGH SUDANESE MIGHT BE UNDERMINED, EMBASSY JIDDA SHOULD PREPARE PACKAGES FOR DELIVERY THROUGH SAUDIS TO BOWIDOWICZ AND STRICKLAND.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO DELIVER PACKAGES DIRECTLY TO ERITREAN REPRESENTATIVES IN JIDDA. USG PARTICIPATION IN PACKAGE TRANSFER MIGHT INDICATE TO ERITREANS THAT WE ARE RESIGNED TO LONG-TERM CAPTIVITY FOR KAGNEW 4 AND MIGHT TEND TO INVITE DEMANDS, POSSIBLY EVEN AS CONDITION FOR DELIVERY OF MAIL AND PACKAGES. ALSO

DELIVERY BY SAUDI INTERMEDIARY WILL HELP TO UNDERLINE FOR ERITREANS SAUDI INTEREST IN MATTER. EMBASSY SHOULD ASK SAUDI INTERMEDIARY TO REITERATE TO PLF THAT USG IS PREPARED TO HAVE ITS REPRESENTATIVE MEET WITH THEM AT ANY TIME.

4. USG IS NOT REPEAT NOT PROVIDING ANY AID TO ERITREAN REFUGEES AND HAS NO CURRENT PLANS TO DO SO. WE WILL BE INTERESTED IN RESULTS OF FURTHER MEETING WITH SIRAJ (PARA 3 REFTTEL), BUT OUR PRESENT VIEW IS THAT EMBASSY SHOULD NOT RAISE THIS SUBJECT WITH SAUDIS BUT RATHER SHOULD LISTEN WITHOUT COMMENT AND REPORT ANY SAUDI EFFORTS TO PURSUE IT FURTHER.

5. FOR KHARTOUM: PLEASE ADVISE PER FINAL SENTENCE PARA 2 ABOVE. IF YOU CONCUR, YOU MAY WISH TO INFORM SUDANESE THAT, GIVEN VITAL IMPORTANCE OF MEDICINE AND FOOD REACHING BOWIDOWICZ AND STRICKLAND, WE ARE ALSO ACCEPTING SAUDI OFFER TO BE HELPFUL ALONG THESE LINES.

6. EMBASSY JIDDA SHOULD TAKE NO ACTION PENDING WORD FROM KHARTOUM. KISSINGER

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